



By the King.

A Proclamation for the restraint of
seruing of Fee Deere.



Orasmuch as We take notice from all partes of this Kingdome, that this last hard winter hath caused a great destruction of great numbers of Our Deere, both of Redde and Fallow, in all Our Parkes, Forrests, and Chaces, and that it is to be doubted, those which haue escaped the extremitie of the weather, are so weakned and surfeited by the same, as they will hardly holde out the next winter; So as, if there bee not some course taken how they may be re-
sozed againe, and preserved, Our groundes will not bee supplied a long time: Wee, for remedie thereof, haue thought fit to make stay of the seruing of all Fee Deere, and all Deere by warrants, aswell to Our Iustices in Eyre of Our Forrests, both on this side, and beyond Trent, and to all other Our Officers great and small, as also Leiutenants, Rangers, Verderers and Keepers, that, either by Custome, by pretence of their Offices, or by any other warrant whatsoever, doe claime to haue any Fee Deere, either within the suruey of Our Exchequer, or of Our Duchie of Lancaster. And to the end that Our said Iustices in Eyre, and all other Our Officers, clayming right of Fee Deere, and all Our Leiutenants, Rangers, Verderers, Keepers, and all other Our Officers of any Our Forrests, Parkes, or Chaces, may the more speedily take knowledge of this Our pleasure, Wee haue likewise thought good to make the same knowne vnto them by this publique signification; Whereby Wee doe straitly charge and command, aswell Our Iustices in Eyre beyond, and on this side Trent, and all Officers and Ministers, aswell within the suruey of Our Exchequer, as of Our Duchie of Lancaster, of what degree soeuer, and all Leiutenants, Rangers, Verderers, Forresters, Keepers, and Officers, in any Our Forrests, Chaces, or Parkes, That they doe forbear to giue out their warrants for any Deere, Redde or Fallowe, claimed by them as Fees incident to their Offices and places; And do likewise will and command all Keepers and Under-keepers, to whom the seruing of such warrants do appertaine, either of Red Deere, or Fallowe, That they shall not serue this yeere any Fee Deere to any of the Officers before mentioned, or to any other, demanding Deere, by what warrant soeuer, except onely by warrant vnder Our owne hand or Signet, as they will answere to vs vpon perill of our displeasure.

Giuen at Our Court at Theobalds, the second day of May, in the two and twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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